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In re Application of
Foulger, et al.
Application No. 09/911,216
Filed: July 23, 2001
Attorney Dkt. No. EMPIR-024AUS
For: METHOD OF BACKTRACING
NETWORK PERFORMANCE

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

DECISION REFUSING
STATUS UNDER 37 CFR
1.47(b)

This decision is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed May 14, 2003.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application. Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed July 23, 2001 without an executed oath or declaration and naming Davis Foulger, John Esposito, William Babcock, Robert McElhaney, and William Minckler as joint inventors. Accordingly, on August 24, 2001, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application was mailed, requiring, among other items, an executed oath or declaration, and a surcharge for its late filing. A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) was filed January 7, 2002 and dismissed March 4, 2003.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; (5) proof of proprietary interest; and (6) a showing that such action is required to preserve the rights of the parties or to prevent irreparable damages.

Petitioner lacks item (2) set forth above. An oath or declaration for the patent application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 has not been presented. Please note that a declaration signed by one other than a named inventor should be executed by a corporate officer, such as the president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer on behalf of and as

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agent for the non-signing inventors. The corporate officer's title and address must be identified in the declaration. If an officer is unavailable to execute the declaration, the declaration may be signed on behalf of the corporation by one whose proof of signing authority has been submitted to the Office, such as the corporation's attorney. See, MPEP 409.03(b). Any renewed petition must be accompanied by a declaration in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

While petitioner has provided a declaration, the declaration is not executed. David W. Rouille states he is "authorized to sign the present oath on behalf of Empirix, Inc.," however, a declaration rather than an oath has been presented. Moreover, Mr. Rouille has not executed the document. It is also worth noting that the inventor's are misnumbered on the document wherein John Esposito and William Babcock are both designated as the fourth joint inventor.

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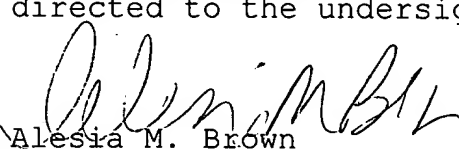
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